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SUBJECT: PROPOSED SISTER CITY RELATIONS BETWEEN NDOLA AND
FT. WAYNE, INDIANA

1. SISTER CITY COMMITTEE OF FT. WAYNE, INDIANA HAS DESIGNATED NDOLA AS ITS FIRST CHOICE FOR A SISTER CITY AFFILIATION IN AFRICA. THIS WELL ORGANIZED GROUP HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN NDOLA AND WOULD LIKE AN ASSESSMENT AS TO INTEREST IN NDOLA IN DEVELOPING A MUTUALLY COMPATIBLE SC PROGRAM.
2. SISTER CITY REPRESENTATIVE IS MEETING FEB. 12 WITH ZAMBIAN EMBASSY OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS THIS PROPOSAL.
3. FT. WAYNE IS A REGIONAL CENTER AND UNIVERSITY CITY WITH CHIEF ECONOMIC BASE IN ELECTRONICS, TRUCKING, GASOLINE PUMPS RAILROAD, MAGNETIC WIRE AND INSURANCE. GENERAL ELECTRIC, CENTRAL SOYA, INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER, ETC., HAVE CORPORATE OFFICES THERE.
4. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT EMBASSY INFORM APPROPRIATE NDOLA CITY OFFICIALS OF FT. WAYNE'S INTEREST AND REQUEST THAT THEY

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BEGIN CONSIDERATION OF FT. WAYNE AS A SISTER CITY CHOICE.

MAYOR OF FT. WAYNE WILL ONLY ISSUE FORMAL INVITATION UPON
RECEIPT OF AN AFFIRMATIVE REPLY FROM NDOLA. RESPONCE
REQUESTED ASAP SO THAT FT. WAYNE CAN PROCEED QUICKLY
TO ISSUE INVITATION. INGERSOLL

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